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**REQUEST  
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Application Number	09/944,476
Filing Date	August 31, 2001
First Named Inventor	Satoru TANGE
Art Unit	1734
Examiner Name	Sing Chan
Attorney Docket Number	121027-071 (new)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
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  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- b.  Other
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- i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) 05/13/2003 SSESHE1 00000159 122136 09944476
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group  
Art Unit: 1734

Attorney  
Docket No.: SHC0146

Applicant: Satoru TANGE

Invention: PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING  
ELASTICALLY STRETCHABLE AND  
CONTRACTIBLE COMPOSITE SHEET

Serial No: 09/944,476

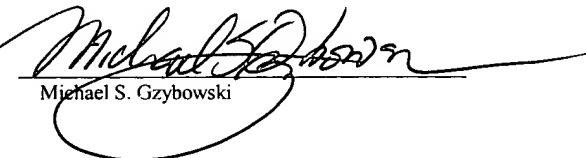
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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